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SUBJECT: SUMMARY RECORD OF SECOND MEETING OF THE U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE SUMMARY RECORD OF MEETINGS THIS WEEK WHICH WAS AGREED TO BY BOTH REPRESENTATIVES OF MHW AND DHEW, AND HAS BEEN RELEASED TO THE LOCAL PRESS:

"AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE OF JAPAN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HELD IN TOKYO IN FEBRUARY, 1974, A GROUP, LEAD BY DR. TAKAJI ISHIMARU, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION BUREAU OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, VISITED WASHINGTON FROM OCTOBER 21-24, 1974.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MET WITH STAFF OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO DISCUSS ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, INCLUDING: EVALUATION OF NEW DRUGS,
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ADDITIVES FOR APPARATUS, CONTAINERS AND PACKAGES; STANDARDS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES, AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. CONGRESS RELATING TO DRUGS.

DURING THE VISIT, FORMAL PRESENTATIONS ON THE MISSION AND PROGRAMS OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION WERE MADE AND DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD REGARDING PLANS FOR FUTURE COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES. THE FOLLOWING AREAS WERE CONSIDERED: THE STUDY OF FEASIBILITY OF MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF DRUG PLANT INSPECTIONS, THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON BLOOD PRODUCTS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF METHODOLOGY AND GUIDELINES FOR THE TESTING OF CHEMICALS FOR CARCINOGENIC AND MUTAGENIC POTENTIAL.

DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ALSO WITH OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE REGARDING ONGOING COOPERATIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS AND THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING ACTIVITIES IN OTHER AREAS OF BOTH HEALTH AND WELFARE. THESE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF THE U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM, AND THE U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM. POTENTIAL AREAS FOR COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE INCLUDED REHABILITATION (IN ITS BROADEST SENSE), SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS, HEALTH MANPOWER UTILIZATION, AND VISION RESEARCH. IT WAS AGREED THAT AN INFORMATION EXCHANGE WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY IN THESE AREAS AND THAT WORK PLANS FOR ONGOING COLLABORATION WOULD BE DEVELOPED.

AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO CONSIDER A MORE FORMAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE AT SOME FUTURE TIME AFTER MORE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN GAINED IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THOSE AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN ALREADY IDENTIFIED.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE GROUP AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE ARE SHOWN IN THE ANNEX TO THIS REPORT."

2. FURTHER DETAILS OF CONVERSATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN COMPLETED. INGERSOLL
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